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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: ADDITIONAL TREATMENT IN  
USSR FOR JAMES F. NEPLL (CONGRESSMAN RAILSBACK INTEREST)

REF: A). STATE 287216; B). MOSCOW 18463

1. DEPARTMENT PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REF B TO CONGRESSMAN  
RAILSBACK'S OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 29. RAILSBACK'S OFFICE  
REPORTED BACK THAT NEPLL WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TREATMENT IN  
SPRING, BUT HE DOES NOT WISH TO RISK BEING TURNED DOWN  
FOR A FUTURE DATE AND THUS HAS BEGUN MAKING PREPARATIONS  
TO TRAVEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE USSR.

2. NEPLL'S TRAVEL PLANS CURRENTLY STALLED APPARENTLY DUE  
TO LACK OF OFFICIAL SOVIET CONFIRMATION OF DECEMBER TREAT-  
MENT FOR NEPLL. TRAVEL AGENT TELEPHONED (12/16) ALLA  
KOMPLEKTOVA OF INTOURIST IN MOSCOW WHO EXPLAINED INTOURIST  
COULD NOT PROCESS NEPLL FOR A VISIT AND VISA APPLICATION  
CANNOT GO FORWARD TO SOVIET EMBASSY UNTIL DR. STEPANOV OF  
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THE USSR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TELEXES HIS OKAY TO  
INTOURIST. TRAVEL AGENT HAS SPOKEN TO STEPANOV BUT  
RECEIVED UNCLEAR ANSWER AS TO WHETHER HE WILL APPROVE  
NEPLL'S TRAVEL.

3. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED

LETTER MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL B WHICH WOULD  
CONFIRM OFFICIALLY READINESS OF MOH AND HELMHOLTZ INSTIT-  
UTE TO RECEIVE NEPPL FOR TREATMENT IN DECEMBER 1976.  
REQUEST YOU EXPLAIN SITUATION TO MOH AND SEEK RESOLU-  
TION, PERHAPS BY DIRECT MOH NOTICE TO STEPANOV OR  
KOMPLETKTOVA.

4. FOR FUTURE CASES, DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY  
SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY OR MOH MAY HAVE TO FACILITATE FUTURE  
PROCESSING WHICH APPEARS TO DEPEND HEAVILY ON PROMPT  
PROVISION TO APPLICANT (OR SOVIET EMBASSY) OF AN OFFICIAL  
DOCUMENT CONFIRMING TREATMENT AVAILABILITY.  
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